

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, Illinois.

From the beginnings of holding prayer meetings at the home of Mother Jennie Thomas, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church began.

As the prayer meetings grew, a mission was begun and larger facilities became necessary. Mother Thomas, along with Charlie Green and Belle Aikens, obtained a building site at 10th and Cook Streets in East St. Louis. On April 4, 1901, Mt. Zion was organized with the Rev. Allen Aikens as its first pastor, Brothers Woodard, Sandy Sherrod and William Easterly as Deacons; Brothers W. Jones and Prince as Trustees and W. Belle as Secretary. The membership grew under Rev. Aikens' leadership.

As the congregation grew, a larger place of worship was required. Though their resources were limited, the congregation was able to purchase land at 13th and Tudor. Construction on the new church started soon thereafter. Mt. Zion met in the basement of the building until it was completely built.

In 1919, Rev. B.J. Smith was the pastor and under his leadership, a sanctuary was added and overall construction became complete. Following Rev. Smith, Rev. Lemon Johnson and Rev. J.J. Olive came to serve as church pastors from 1931 to 1935. Under Rev. Olive, a baptismal pool was added to the church.

Following this period in the church's early growth, the Rev. B. Haney became pastor, soon followed in 1947 by the Revs. Ephraim Thomas and James Clayborne. In 1947, Rev. W.B. Rouse became pastor at Mt. Zion. During his pastoral duties, membership of the church greatly increased. The church building became enlarged in 1951 and again in 1955. The sanctuary was expanded, classrooms were added and an organ and church furnishings were acquired.

At this time a parsonage was also added to the Church holdings at 919 Bond Avenue. In 1964, the Illinois Department of Transportation needed easements to assist in the construction of the Poplar Street Bridge, the church then purchased additional property at 24th and Bond Avenues in East St. Louis which became the church's present location.

In 1966, the Rev. C. Cedric Claiborne was received as the new pastor of Mt. Zion. Under his tenure, the new church was constructed at a cost of \$450,000 and the first worship service was held there in 1968. In 1972, however an explosion damaged the eastern wall of the church. A makeshift cover was used to protect the building up until 1974 when the cornerstone was laid for the new wall.

Activities initiated by the Rev. Claiborne include city-wide graduate services of Metro-East graduates and a Sunday evening broadcast via WESL. The church then employed a full-time church cemetery and a church publicity Director. In 1975, Rev. Rouse took over pastorship of Mt. Zion under his leadership a mortgage burning ceremony was held in 1979.

Between the years 1977–2001, several pieces of property were acquired, including a parking lot directly located across from the church, the church office, ground adjacent to the office building, the Jewish temple, Sunday school complex and an area east of that facility. In addition to expanding their land holdings, vehicles were secured over the years to help transport parishioners to the church. In 1976, two 60 passenger buses were purchased; in 1986, a utility van and two trucks were bought; in 1981 three vans were purchased; 1989 two additional vans were bought and from 1989 to 1999, additional vans and bus were acquired, bringing the church's fleet of vehicles to five.

Pastor Rouse holds workshops and institutes for members of the community. In 1977, the Nursing Home Visitation Team was organized and continues to go into the various nursing homes in the region providing spiritual guidance to their patients. Mt. Zion continues to be active in the needs of senior citizens. The Voices of Zion held its first concert at Powell Symphony Hall in St. Louis, Missouri in July 1983.

Mt. Zion continues to serve the community by providing Thanksgiving meals. During the South End Flood, church facilities were used by the Red Cross to feed flood victims. Mt. Zion also operates a food pantry, which is open to the public twice weekly.

Mt. Zion's membership continues to grow. Under Rev. Rouse, he has also ordained some 16 new ministers. In 1994, the New Day Jail ministry was started going into various correctional facilities. They are responsible for providing spiritual guidance to inmates as well as providing Christmas gifts to children of the incarcerated.

The church's bookstore opened in 1996 and the Inspirational Voices Youth Choir finished their first CD recording out of the church itself. During this year, a ground breaking was held in June in preparation for the construction of new Classroom and administrative buildings.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist continues to grow and prosper, providing the spiritual needs and guidance for many people in the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100 years of service of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and salute the members of the church's congregation both past and present.

TRIBUTE TO WYNN PRESSON

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding leader of the Kansas City community, Mr. F. Wynn Presson, who will retire as Vice Chairman of the Board of Health Midwest, on November 30, 2001.

Wynn has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Health Midwest since 1993; prior to that he served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Health Midwest employs over 17,000 people, and has over 100 care/delivery sites, including 15 hospitals with over 3,295 licensed beds. The system has 40 primary care physician practices employing over 150 physicians, 8 occupational medicine clinics, and 60

corporations. The Health Midwest system links together acute and ambulatory care, physician affiliations, education, occupational health, mental health, long term care, contracted clinical and support services, wellness and fitness, and patient transportation systems. Wynn Presson was the founder and visionary of the Health Midwest system, having served for a total of 24 years with Health Midwest and its predecessor organizations.

Just as important, though, is the literally thousands of hours that Wynn Presson has devoted to serving our community and the entire Kansas City metropolitan area during his 24 years with us. The list of his current community leadership positions is impressive: member of the Blue Valley School District Educational Foundation; member of the Executive Committee [and former Chairman of the Board of Directors] of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City; Chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the Full Employment Council; member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission; member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Labor-Management Council; Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mayor's Corps of Progress; and member of the Board of Directors of the Minority Suppliers Council, among others.

Equally as important and valuable have been Wynn Presson's contributions to the Kansas City area in years past, through his dedicated service in positions including: former Chairman of the Board of the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce; President of the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Club; member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City; Colonel in the Kansas Cavalry; member of the Executive Committee of the Kansas City Area Development Council; Co-Chairman of the Public Policy Committee of the Mainstream Coalition; and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Bioethics Center.

Mr. Speaker, Wynn Presson is an excellent example of the kind of public-spirited, community-minded citizen who does so much to foster our communities. As this far-from-complete listing of his many public service activities demonstrates, he has been a vital participant in countless civic and charitable activities in the Kansas City metropolitan area. I commend him for his distinguished record of performance with Health Midwest and for his peerless history of community service.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my constituents in Kansas' Third District in wishing Wynn Presson an enjoyable and most well-earned retirement, although I anticipate he will not shirk from further opportunities to be of service.

HONORING LARRY BLACK UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM BAYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, those who seek to improve the lives of others in the community play a very important role. Larry Black is such a person and upon his retirement from

the Bayfield School Board, I would like to acknowledge the priceless contributions that he has made to Bayfield and to those that he has touched.

Larry is a man of compassion and holds an elevated understanding of citizenship. Part of this comprehensive understanding is service to his country. Larry volunteered for the infantry in Vietnam and because of his bravery he earned a bronze star and a campaign medal. During this time, he served for two years in the infantry but continued to serve in the California Air National Guard for four years. Larry has also volunteered much of his free time to the United Way, helping those less fortunate.

According to his wife, Tempe, the most fulfilling work he has done is having the opportunity to serve on the Bayfield School Board. Prior to serving on the Board, he was an active member of the PTSA and also a committee member on the District Advisory Committee and the Student Accountability Committee. The past four years Larry has sat on the Bayfield School Board and filled this role with enthusiasm and charisma. He looked at this opportunity as a chance to give back that which others gave him when he was a child. Additionally, Larry is active member of the First Baptist Church of Bayfield and is a devoted husband and a loving father.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Black has been an outstanding leader for the Bayfield community and has helped to enhance the futures of many students through his service. To give of yourself unselfishly, as Larry has done, certainly deserves the praise and admiration of us all. I wish to offer my congratulations to Larry at this time of celebration on his retirement and extend my warmest regards and best wishes in many years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING PAUL DFAULT ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Paul Dfault on his retirement from the United Food and Commercial Workers local 1445.

For 45 years, Paul has been a passionate and effective voice for working families in Massachusetts. During a time of dramatic change in our nation's workforce, Paul has shaped the labor movement in our state to reflect modern realities.

While his strategies may have evolved, his principles have never wavered—namely, that working men and women deserve decent wages, deserve decent and affordable health care and other benefits, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. He has worked just as hard as the workers he represents, and has done his job with dignity, class and grace.

While I'm sure his activism will continue in retirement, I also know that Paul's wife Judy, his four children and seven grandchildren will be very happy to spend more time with him.

Mr. Speaker, I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Paul Dfault on his retirement and thanking him for his years of tireless service to the people of Massachusetts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### A TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE ANDREW LITTLE

#### HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay to one of North Carolina's finest gentlemen, Staff Sergeant George Andrew Little, on his service and inspiration to our State and Nation.

Theodore Roosevelt, our nation's 25th President, once said, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man crumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; . . . who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who . . . knows in the end the triumph of high achievement." For four years, Sergeant Little was in the arena as part of our nation's military force defending freedom and defeating fear. And his spirit, service, and sacrifice continue to shine brightly today for all to emulate.

Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps just prior to his 19th birthday, Staff Sergeant Little passed up two college scholarships to serve his country and fellow citizens. From Saipan to Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Little faced enemy fire, looked death in the face, but always persevered to continue serving his Nation. Even with the loss of his eyesight during conflict and undergoing over 50 operations to repair his facial structure, Mr. Little looked toward the future with optimism and energy. He next founded George A. Little, Inc., a construction and realty firm in North Carolina. From building houses to businesses to churches, Mr. Little became the first blind contractor in North Carolina. After defeating meningitis which was caused by fragments of bullet lodged in his forehead, Mr. Little, and his lovely wife Marie, now reside in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina where he remains a dedicated public citizen.

Mr. Speaker, these are trying times for our nation, our citizens, and our military. But through the efforts and heroism of individuals like George Andrew Little, the United States of America stands tall. I thank him for the service he has given to our state and nation. May God's strength, peace and joy be with him always.

#### RECOGNIZING JERRY MONTGOMERY

#### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Jerry Montgomery—a man who has meant so much to so many people in my home state of Mississippi through his service as faculty advisor for the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) for the past 15 years. I'm proud to call Jerry a friend and even more proud that he's part of our family as my brother-in-law.

Despite Jerry's extremely busy schedule as a husband, a father, and the coach for the women's tennis team at Ole Miss, he always finds time to fill his role as faculty advisor to Sigma Chi. As a Sigma Chi, I am personally grateful for Jerry's leadership and the guidance he offers the young men of the fraternity. Jerry serves as a positive role model and a good example for the young men of Sigma Chi to look up to for advice and guidance.

The "Standard" on which Sigma Chi was founded requires its members to be: A man of good character; A student of fair ability; With ambitious purposes; A congenial disposition; Possessed of good morals; Having a high sense of honor and a deep sense of personal responsibility. These attributes certainly describe Jerry and the way he sets an example for the men of Sigma Chi.

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to my friend, my brother-in-law, and a true friend to Sigma Chi, Jerry Montgomery.

#### HONORING CARL E. WIEMAN AND ERIC CORNELL FOR THEIR RE- SEARCH AND RECEIVING THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 30, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, 75 years ago Albert Einstein predicted a new form of matter that has since been called the Bose-Einstein condensate. This matter has been elusive for quite some time, however the secret no longer eludes mankind. Through his hard work in physics research, Professor Carl E. Wieman of the University of Colorado in Boulder along with Eric A. Cornell from the National Institute for Standards and Technology, created this matter in 1995, and because of the outstanding nature of their work, were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics to be received this December. The prize was also awarded to a scientist at MIT who separately worked on the same discovery. I would like to take this time to recognize the dedication of Carl to this project and for opening many doors through scientific investigation for the future.

Cornell and Wieman were able to capture and chill rubidium atoms in order to bring them to a near motionless state so that they would act as one superatom. The progression that this discovery promotes would allow scientists to control their usage in new and innovative way that could lead to much faster and smaller electronics. The power of this condensate could lead to better computer chips, more precise measuring instruments and advances in navigational instruments. Additionally the discovery of this method to isolate Bose-Einstein condensate has spurred a new branch of atomic physics to emerge across the globe.

In the age of technological advancement, these discoveries help to ensure our continued success and help to tap the understanding of the universe around us. This manifestation of Einstein's thought and has been a tremendous benefit to physical scientists everywhere. It is through his diligence and dedication that Carl was able to fabricate the Bose-Einstein superatom.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the hard work and dedication of Carl Wieman and Eric